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JUNE - JULY 2020

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FROM THE **DIRECTOR**

Normally our June/July newsletter is filled with pages of events and programs we've planned for you for our annual Summer Reading Program. However, due to the Governor's extension of the stay-at-home order through May 30, the ongoing social distancing guidelines being recommended by local, state, and federal health authorities mean that this year's Summer Reading Program is going to look very different than those we've done previously.

I know how difficult this is for many of you who love and visit the Library regularly. It has also been difficult for Library staff. Closing the Library's doors to the public was the most difficult decision I've had to make since becoming the library director in 2016. The staff of the Morton Grove Public Library are incredibly dedicated and care deeply about serving our community. It is that commitment and caring that make the Library such a warm and welcoming place, and we look forward to the time when we can once again see you all in person.

Until then, take a look inside for information on our 2020 Summer Reading Program and the wide variety of ways you can use the Library from home. While our building is closed, Your Library at Home is always open. Visit **mgpl.org/athome** for the most up-to-date information about online and in-person events and activities that we have planned for the summer. You can also connect with us using the chat box on our website, via email, and on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.

I assure you that Library staff and I are working closely with all of our community partners to respond to the unique challenges during these difficult times Like you, our staff members are doing an admirable job of adapting to these complicated circumstances. Until we can be together again, please stay safe, take care of yourselves, and take care of one another.

Pam Leffler, Executive Director

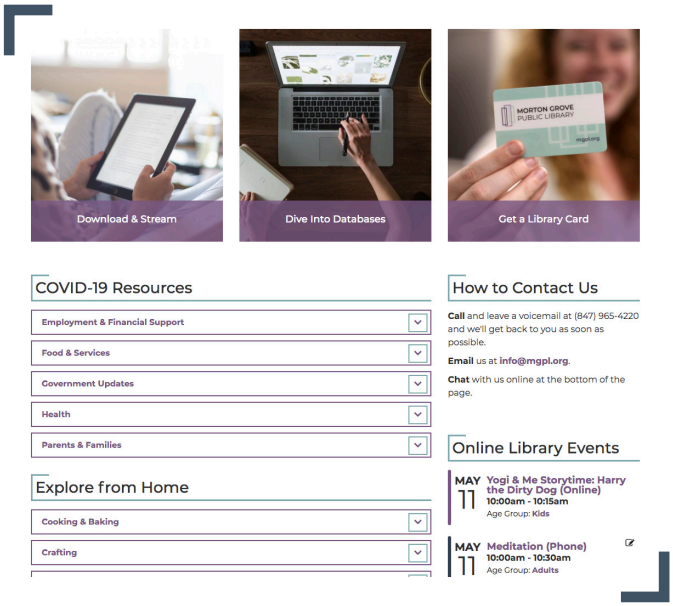
YOUR LIBRARY AT HOME

Our building is closed, but our digital branch is always open. Visit our Library At Home page at **mgpl.org/athome** to explore online resources curated by librarians that you can access anywhere, with and without your library card.

In addition to reliable resources and library updates related to COVID-19, Your Library At Home includes links to fun and educational online experiences, many exclusively available during this time of staying at home.

Need a library card? Visit **mgpl.org/apply** to complete an application online.

Here are a few online resources we love.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Call and leave a voicemail at (847) 965-4220 and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.
Email us at info@mgpl.org.
Chat with us online at the bottom of the page.
Online Library Events
MAY 11 Yogi & Me Storytime: Harry the Dirty Dog (Online)
10:00am - 10:15am
Age Group: Kids
MAY 11 Meditation (Phone)
10:00am - 10:30am
Age Group: Adults

Download & Stream Resources

You are just a few taps or clicks away from thousands of ebooks, audiobooks, movies, TV shows, music, and magazines in our online collection. Access on your mobile device or computer for free with your Morton Grove Public Library card.

Discover new ebooks and audiobooks on OverDrive, Axis360, or Hoopla

Dig into romance ebooks for adults with RomanceBookCloud, which has unlimited downloads and no library card required (available through August 31)

Explore award-winning documentaries and indie films on Kanopy or binge-watch TV shows and movies on Hoopla

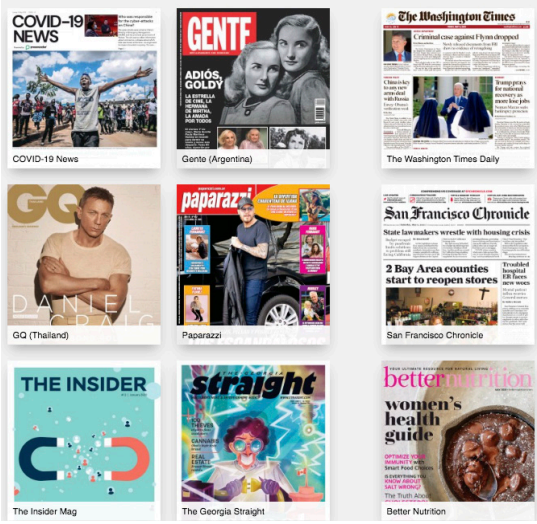
Stream classical music concerts, operas, ballets, documentaries, and master classes on our newest resource, Medici.tv

Read popular newspapers and magazines from around the world on PressReader and Flipster

Access these collections at **mgpl.org/download-stream**

Obsession-Worthy Databases

The Library's databases page is a treasure trove of resources you can use to learn new skills, stay informed, and find information that isn't available through Google and the free Web. We have a wide variety of databases, but we wanted to highlight some favorites. These are resources you can spend hours exploring and they are a joy to use. Access them at **mgpl.org/databases**.



Read the news with PressReader
Read full-page versions of the *Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times*, and more than 7,000 other newspapers and magazines from the United States and across the world—in more than 60 languages. PressReader is a great place for news, but there are tons of entertainment and technology-oriented magazines as well. Download the app to get your favorite periodicals downloaded to your smartphone or tablet automatically.

Crafting with Creativebug
All this time at home is a great opportunity to hone your crafting skills. With more than 1,000 award-winning DIY video classes, Creativebug is a one-stop shop for crafting guidance and inspiration. It has patterns, templates, recipes, and everything you'll need to get your creative juices flowing. Creativebug covers sewing, quilting, crochet, papercrafts, knitting, and more, so regardless of your craft of choice, Creativebug has something for you.

Develop business, software, and creative skills with Lynda
If you are serious about learning a skill, Lynda is the place to go. Lynda has video tutorials on business and marketing skills, software (including Zoom and Microsoft Office), design, photography, and more. There are even classes on mindfulness meditation. Give Lynda a try, and when you see how thorough and clear their guidance is, you might never look up a YouTube how-to video again.

Read animated picture books with Tumblebooks
Tumblebooks is an online collection of fun talking books with animated pictures. Although it appeals mainly to a younger audience of kindergarten and under, other features include read-along books for older kids, quizzes, puzzles, and other games. It's what Youth Services librarians use for our DIY Storytimes (see page 8), but you can use them anytime, anywhere.

Find your child's next favorite read with NoveListPlus K-8
NoveListPlus K-8 is a read-alike book recommendation resource for kids in kindergarten through grade 8. It allows kids to discover a new read independently or with the help of an adult, just by looking up a title they have read before. As it includes both nonfiction and fiction books, you can easily use it for homework or just for fun.

Get homework help with World Book Kids
If you are dealing with a homework question and want to consult a credible database for a younger audience, World Book Kids is that resource. It's a digital encyclopedia designed for kids in kindergarten through grade 3. For older kids, we recommend World Book Student for its thousands of articles and keeping up to date with current events.

Morton Grove Public Library **Summer Reading Program**

June 1–July 31, 2020

YOUTH
BIRTH TO GRADE 8

This summer, participate in our youth reading program from home. Register online between June 1–30 at mgpl.org/summer, and then get reading! Once we receive your registration, we will contact you to arrange pickup of your Summer Reading Program materials. In the meantime, you can find weekly activities, online programs, a printable version of the reading log, and more at **mgpl.org/summer**.

As our services are ever-changing in response to COVID-19, please visit **mgpl.org/summer** for the most up-to-date Summer Reading information.

Looking for something to do? We are leading virtual programs all summer. Check out **mgpl.org/events** for the most accurate, up-to-date program lineup.

ADULTS & TEENS
GRADE 9 AND OLDER

Win gift cards and help support your community through what you read, listen to, and watch this summer. To participate, visit **mgpl.org/summer** and complete the online entry form letting us know:

- Books you read
- Movies and shows you watch
- Music you listen to
- Video games you play
- Online library programs you attend

Each submission equals one entry for a chance to win a prize. Enter as many times as you want! (Don't have internet or struggling with screen fatigue? We get it. Call us at 847-965-4220 and we'll be happy to fill out the form for you).

Prizes: We will have two prize drawings, one on July 1 and a grand prize drawing on August 1. Prizes participants can win:

- Teens in Grades 9-12: Amazon gift cards
- Adults: gift cards to local restaurants and grocery stores

Questions? Contact us at 847-965-4220 or info@mgpl.org.

Morton Grove Public Library

Summer Reading Program

June 1–July 31, 2020

for Children Birth - Grade 8

NAME _____

REGISTER

Visit **mgpl.org/summer** to register between June 1–30. Once you have registered, we will contact you to arrange pickup of your Summer Reading Program materials. After registering, color and hang our Summer Reading dinosaur coloring sheet in your window at home. The coloring sheet is available on page 7 of the newsletter, in your program materials bag, and as a printable file at **mgpl.org/summer**.

RECORD YOUR READING

Start participating right away. Record your reading on the back of the log by coloring a dinosaur track for every 20 minutes you read. Listening to audiobooks and reading together as a family count too. Color in all the dinosaur tracks to complete the program. The Summer Reading log is also available as a printable file at **mgpl.org/summer** and in the Summer Reading Program materials bag.

COMPLETE WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Find weekly activities online at **mgpl.org/summer**. Use the materials provided in your Summer Reading Program bag or supplies you have at home to complete the activities. There are activities for each of the eight weeks, but you can do as many as you like at any time.

ENTER GRAND PRIZE DRAWINGS

Included in your Summer Reading Program materials are two Grand Prize Drawing postcards. One is marked for June and the other for July. Sometime each month, fill out the required information on the front of the postcard and mail it to the Library. Your postcard is your drawing entry slip, so remember to mark which prize you hope to win. Use the back of the postcard to tell us what you have been reading, recommend a book, draw a picture, or let us know how you are spending your summer. Winners will be notified after each of the drawings. Postcards received after July 5 for the June drawing and August 5 for the July drawing will not be entered into the prize drawings.

SHARE

We miss seeing your smiling faces and would love to see any photos you take while participating in the Summer Reading Program. Post on social media using the hashtag #mgplsummer or email us at ysinfo@mgpl.org.

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Color a dinosaur track every time you read for 20 minutes.

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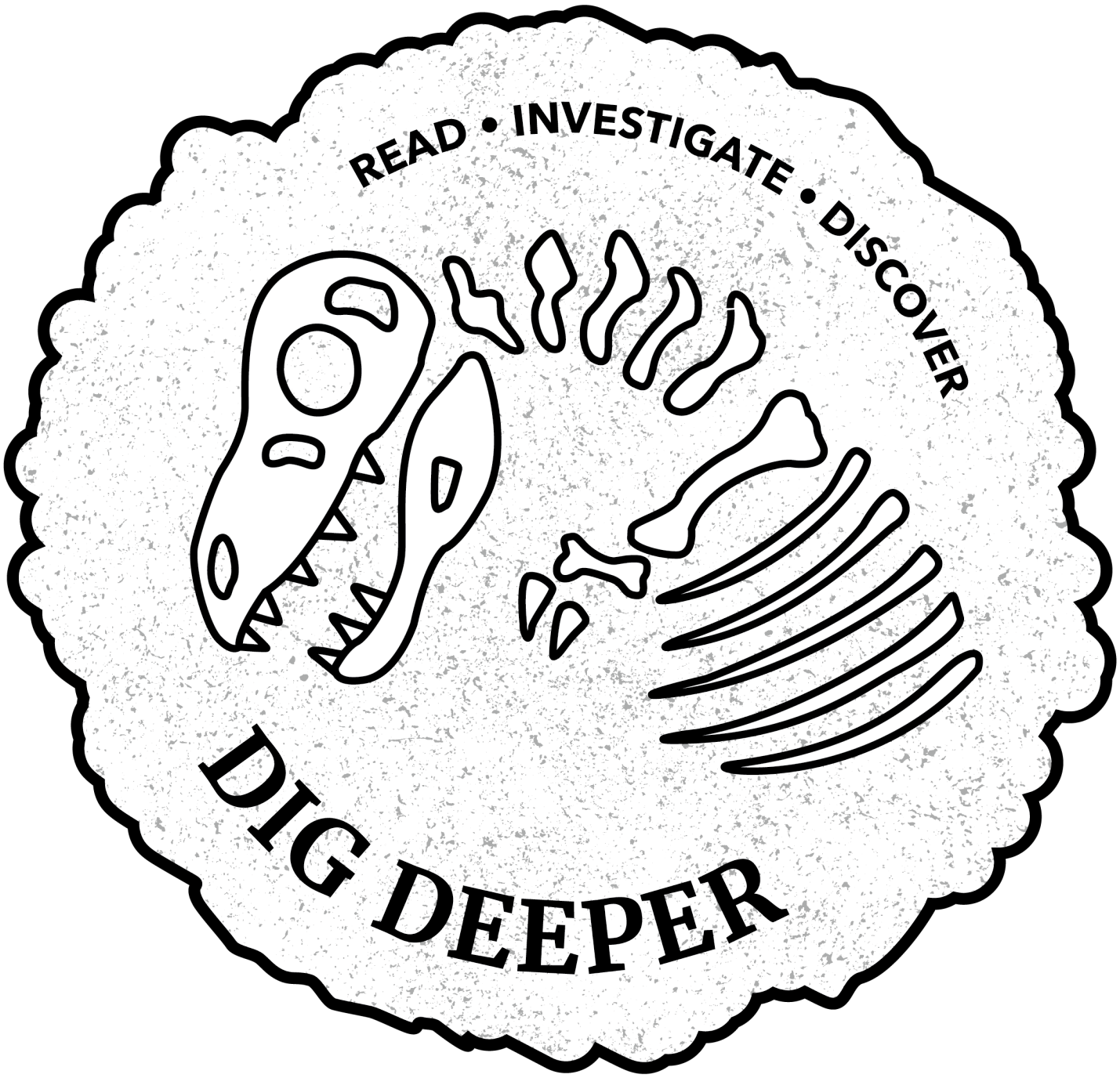


Morton Grove Public Library

Summer Reading Program 2020

Participating in the Summer Reading Program? Hang this coloring page in your window to show the community you're reading!

Our All-New "DIY Storytimes" **Bring the Library to You**

By Sarah Mitchell-Mace

One of the many joys of being a Youth Services librarian is leading storytimes. We love selecting the best stories, choosing rhymes and music that will make kids and their grownups wiggle and giggle together, and singing songs that soon become family favorites.

Fortunately, storytime doesn't have to be limited to when we are all physically in the library building. In addition to our online storytimes and our Library At Home page, the latest resource we are excited to share with you is DIY Storytimes. That's right, Do-It-Yourself Storytimes!

Developed by your Youth Services librarians, these storytimes are meant for you to experience together with your kids—anywhere, anytime. Here's how.

How To Do Storytime Yourself

On the DIY Storytimes webpage at **mgpl.org/diy-storytimes**, you will find different storytimes with engaging themes like Bugs, Outer Space, or Colors. Selecting the theme name will open up the outline (printable version included), which consists of the elements you are used to experiencing at storytime: stories, action and movement songs, rhymes, extra activities, and more.

These elements have all been chosen for two primary reasons: to develop your child's early literacy skills and to be fun to do together.

Also included are links to animated ebooks and videos of songs and rhymes that you can access instantly so you can read or listen to the stories in real time. Waiting in the doctor's office or laundromat? Want an activity for your child to do with their grandparents? We want to make it easy to have a fun and enriching way to fill the time, wherever you are.

We hope you and your child enjoy our DIY Storytimes. We're adding more to the list, so check back frequently to see what's new. If you have any questions, you can always reach us at ysinfo@mgpl.org or leave a voicemail message at 847-965-4220 and we'll call you back.

Sarah Mitchell-Mace is a Youth Services Librarian.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Until we can see you again in the Library building, we have put together a fun lineup of online programs for your little ones. We are regularly adding new online offerings, so please visit **mgpl.org/events** for the most up-to-date information on events for your kids from birth through Kindergarten.

All storytimes listed below happen on Facebook Live. No registration is required. Visit the Library's Facebook page to watch.

Summer Storytime (Online)
Birth to Kindergarten with a parent/caregiver
Tuesdays, 10-10:15 am
Listen to stories, sing songs, and more.

Bedtime Stories & More (Online)
Family
Wednesdays, 7:30-7:45 pm
Wind down for bed with a story or two.

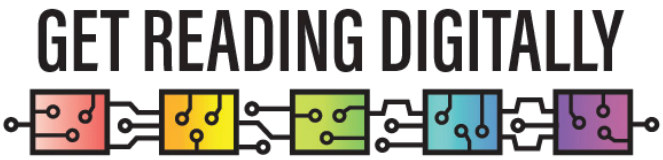
Wee Read Storytime (Online)
Ages 0-24 months with a parent/caregiver
Fridays, 10-10:15 am
Meet Ms. Debbie online for a story, a rhyme, a song, and a good time.

UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON KIDS EVENTS AT MGPL.ORG/EVENTS

KIDS

In addition to the Summer Reading Program, we have many events running throughout June and July. Visit **mgpl.org/events** for the most up-to-date information. We hope you enjoy our pop-up programs.

NOTE: Some classes will be held using free Zoom software on your internet-connected device (computer, smartphone, or tablet). For those classes, an email with instructions on how to join the class will be sent to registrants the day before the class.



We have updated our summer reading lists for kids in Kindergarten through Grade 8 with books you can read on any device. Check them out at **mgpl.org/recommendations-kids**.

Virtual Reading Recommendations
Need reading recommendations this summer? Email us at **ysinfo@mgpl.org** and we can create a list of five books for you to read from home. Keep reaching out—we're here to help!

STEMonade Stand

In the coming weeks, you might notice a blue newspaper box on the front porch of the Library. No, we are not selling papers. This is a STEMonade Stand, your portal for project kits to do at home. We invite you to peek inside. There could be paper circuits or balloon-powered cars, art projects or Newton's cradles. Each kit is sealed inside a zip-top bag with instructions and STEM connections. We miss doing projects with you at the Library, but it makes us happy to imagine that you're still building things together at home. When life gives you lemons, make STEMonade.

Brain Bytes (Online)
Brain Bytes is our new series of video shorts featuring math puzzles and games to exercise your brains. Visit our YouTube channel at **youtube.com/user/webrary** to watch.

ADULTS

R = Registration is required

See page 4 for information about the **2020 Summer Reading Program** for adults, which includes a chance to win gift cards to local restaurants and grocery stores!

HEALTHY LIVING

You can keep your mind and body healthy even while staying home and maintaining social distance. Visit our digital branch at **mgpl.org/athome** for health resources you can use without having to leave your home.

Chair Yoga (Online)
Wednesdays, 10-11 am
Practice seated poses in one of the gentlest forms of yoga available, led by certified yoga instructor Cher Walter. All experience levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothes. **R**

Class will be held using free Zoom software on your internet connected device (computer, smartphone, or tablet). An email with instructions on how to join the class will be sent to registrants the day before the class.

Good Foods for Brain Health (Online)
Wednesday, Jun. 3, 1-2 pm
Nutritional coach Ann Terry explains how to choose food that helps optimize your brain health. **R**

Program will be held using free Zoom software on your internet-connected device (computer, smartphone, or tablet). An email with instructions on how to join the program will be sent to registrants the day before the event.

Meditation (Phone)
Monday, Jun. 15 and Jul. 13, 10-10:30 am
Cher Walter leads a beginner-friendly introductory guided meditation for all levels. Wear comfortable clothes. **R**

Registered patrons will receive a call the day before the program with the meeting ID and password for joining the event. Call 312-626-6799 five minutes before the start of the program and enter the meeting ID and password.

BOOK TALKS

Just for Laughs (Phone)
Wednesday, Jul. 1, 1-2 pm
Join us for our first book talk over the phone to hear about a selection of funny and light-hearted books, all of which are available as ebooks with your library card. This program is offered in partnership with Mather and AgeOptions. To join the discussion, call 855-880-1246 and enter 386-399-7030# for the Meeting ID.

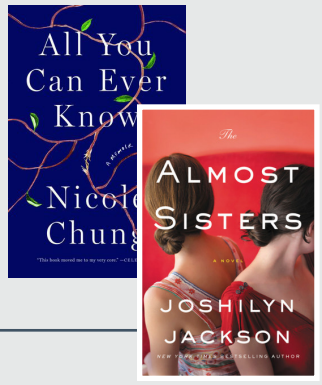
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Between the Lines (Phone)
All titles are always available on Hoopla, along with other library ebook platforms. Register at **mgpl.org/events** or by calling 847-965-4220. Registered patrons will receive a call the day before the event with the meeting ID and password for joining the event. Five minutes before the start time, call 312-626-6799 and enter the meeting ID and password. Contact us for assistance. **R**

You can also join the discussion online at our Between the Lines discussion group page on Goodreads, where you can comment on the variety of discussion questions and topics whenever works for you. Search for "MGPL Between the Lines Book Group" on Goodreads or visit **mgpl.org/books** to learn more.

All You Can Ever Know
by Nicole Chung
Thursday, Jun. 18, 10-11 am
Tuesday, Jun. 23, 7-8 pm

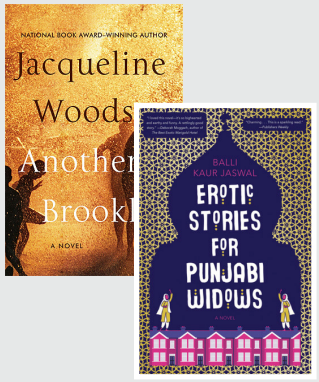
The Almost Sisters
by Joshilyn Jackson
Thursday, Jul. 23, 10-11 am
Tuesday, Jul. 28, 7-8 pm



LitLounge (Online)
Registered patrons will receive a confirmation email with instructions on how to join the meeting. **R**

Another Brooklyn
by Jacqueline Woodson
Wednesday, Jun. 10, 7:30-8:30 pm

Erotic Stories for Punjabi Widows
by Balli Kaur Jaswal
Wednesday, Jul. 8, 7:30-8:30 pm



BOOK A LIBRARIAN

Need tech help? Morton Grove cardholders can make an appointment to meet with a librarian online or over the phone. Some of the topics we can help you with include:

- Accessing ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, and streaming movies from the Library's digital collection
- Using video conferencing software like Zoom or Skype
- Using software that has been taught in hands-on classes like Microsoft Office

Fill out a request at **mgpl.org/book-a-librarian** or call and leave a message at 847-965-4220 and we will do our best to provide tech assistance to you.

MAKE IT COUNT

Village of Morton Grove

2020CENSUS

Even with all that's going on, the 2020 Census count continues! As of May 10, the Morton Grove community has been incredibly responsive, with over 78%, already responding online, over the phone, or by mail. Your responsiveness has put Morton Grove in the top 4% for completion out of all cities, towns, and townships in the entire United States!

A full and proper count is so important as it guides how more than $675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year. It also helps create jobs, provide housing, help cities and states prepare for emergencies, and build schools, roads, and hospitals.

Respond online at **my2020census.gov**

READ • INVESTIGATE • DISCOVER
DIG DEEPER

See page 4 for information about the **2020 Summer Reading Program** for teens, which includes a chance to win an Amazon gift card!

HIGH SCHOOL READING LISTS

Every summer, local high schools (Maine East, Niles North, and Niles West) create a summer reading list for their students. This year, with current safety concerns and our community in mind, we are making sure all of the titles are available in digital form on library ebook platforms. Visit **mgpl.org/recommendations-teens** to view your school's list and how you can access each book.

SUMMER READING RECOMMENDATIONS

Find more staff picks, bestseller lists, and recommendations at **mgpl.org/recommendations-teens**.

Deeplight
by Francis Hardinge (OverDrive)

Elysium Girls
by Kate Pentecost (OverDrive)

The Kingdom of Back
by Marie Lu (OverDrive)

The Toll by Neal Shusterman (OverDrive & Axis 360)

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Check Please! Books 1 & 2
by Ngozi Ukazu (OverDrive)

Doctor Who: The Thirteenth Doctor
by Jody House (Hoopla)

Hey, Kiddo by Jarrett Krosoczka (Hoopla)

The Oracle Code by Marieke Nijkamp (Hoopla)

Stranger Things: Zombie Boys
by Greg Pak (Hoopla)

The Way of the Househusband Vol. 1 & 2 by Kousuke Oono (OverDrive)

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Youth Info Desk: 847-929-5102

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Catalog: catalog.mgpl.org
Events: calendar.mgpl.org

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Youth Services: ysinfo@mgpl.org
Check Out Desk: circinfo@mgpl.org

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Library visitors are reminded that attendance at programs constitutes consent to be photographed or videotaped for Library purposes. If you or your child do not wish to be photographed or videotaped, please notify staff.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE
Patrons needing special assistance should call 847-965-4220 or email info@mgpl.org.

CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS
Classes, programs, and films are subject to change and may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Please call the Library at 847-929-5101 (for adult and teen programs) or 847-929-5102 (for children's programs) to confirm scheduled events.

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The Board meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7 pm.

THE LIBRARY IS MORE THAN A BUILDING

That has always been true, but never more so than now. The Library is the staff who continue providing opportunities for learning, playing, and connecting online even during a pandemic. And the Library is YOU, members of our community in Morton Grove and beyond who inspire us and demonstrate every day how libraries transform lives and communities. Know that you can always find the Library wherever you call home by visiting our digital branch at **MGPL.org/athome**.